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## b-AM-compact Operators on Banach Lattices

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**Abstract:** Several characterizations of b-AM-compact operators are considered in this paper, we show that: 1) If  $F$  is an infinite-dimensional Banach lattice, then  $E$  is a  $KB$ -space if and only if every AM-compact operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is b-AM-compact. 2) The Banach lattice  $E$  is a discrete  $KB$ -space if and only if every continuous operator from  $E$  into Banach lattice  $F$  is b-AM-compact. 3) If the topological dual  $E'$  is discrete, then every b-weakly compact operator from Banach  $E$  into Banach space  $X$  is b-AM-compact. Moreover, following properties about the problems of domination in the class of positive b-AM-compact operators are established: 1) If  $E$  and  $F$  are two Banach lattices, then for all operators  $S, T: E \rightarrow F$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is b-AM-compact, the operator  $S$  is b-AM-compact if and only if the norm of  $F$  is order continuous or  $E'$  is discrete. 2) If  $S, T$  are two operators from  $E$  into  $F$  with  $0 \leq S \leq T$ , if  $T$  is b-AM-compact, then  $S^2$  is likewise b-AM-compact.

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## 1 Introduction

The Riesz spaces considered in this note are assumed to have separating order duals. For unexplained terminology on Riesz space, we refer to [1,2].

**Definition 1** A subset  $A$  of a Riesz space  $E$  is called b-order bounded in  $E$  if it is order bounded in  $(E^\sim)^\sim$ . A Riesz space is said to have property (b) if  $A \subset E$  is order bounded whenever  $A$  is order bounded in  $(E^\sim)^\sim$ .

A Riesz space  $E$  have property (b) if and only if for each net  $\{x_\alpha\}$  in  $E$  with  $0 \leq x_\alpha \uparrow \leq \hat{x}$  for some  $\hat{x} \in (E^\sim)^\sim$ ,  $\{x_\alpha\}$  is order bounded in  $E$ .

Note that every perfect Riesz space as well as every order dual has property (b). And every reflexive Banach lattice has property (b). Moreover, every  $KB$ -space has property (b) and if  $(E^\sim)^\sim$  is retractable on  $E$  then  $E$  has property (b). On the other hand, considering  $A = \{e_n\}$  in  $c_0$ , we see that  $c_0$  does not have property (b).

## 2 Characterizations of the b-AM-compact operators

Let  $E, F$  be Banach lattices and  $X$  a Banach space.

**Definition 2** An operator  $T: E \rightarrow X$  is called b-AM-compact if  $T$  maps each b-order bounded subset of  $E$  into a relatively compact subset of  $X$ .

The collection of all b-AM-compact operators from  $E$  into  $X$  is denoted by  $C_{b-AM}(E, X)$ . Then  $C_{b-AM}(E, X)$  is a closed subspace of  $L(E, X)$ , the space of continuous linear operators from  $E$  into  $X$ . Recall that operators mapping order intervals into relatively compact sets are

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called AM-compact operators and are denoted by  $C_{AM}(E, X)$ . Let  $C(E, X)$  be the space of compact operators. Clearly, we have  $C(E, X) \subseteq C_{b-AM}(E, X) \subseteq C_{AM}(E, X)$ .

We now give examples to show that these inclusions are proper.

**Example 1** (a) Consider the identity operator  $I : l_p \rightarrow l_p$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ). Since  $l_p$  is a reflexive Banach lattice, b-order bounded subset of  $l_p$  is order bounded and is relatively compact. That is to say,  $I$  is b-AM-compact. But  $I$  is not compact.

(b) Consider the identity operator  $I : c_0 \rightarrow c_0$ . Since  $c_0$  is a discrete Banach lattice with order continuous norm,  $I$  is AM-compact. But it is not b-AM-compact. However as  $l_1$  is a KB-space,  $I' : l_1 \rightarrow l_1$  is a b-AM-compact operators.

(c) Although,  $I : l_1 \rightarrow l_1$  is a b-AM-compact operator,  $I' : l_\infty \rightarrow l_\infty$  can not be b-AM-compact.

**Theorem 1** If  $F$  is a infinite-dimensional Banach lattice, then  $E$  is a KB-space if and only if every AM-compact operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is b-AM-compact.

**Proof** If  $E$  is a KB-space,  $E$  has the property (b), thus every AM-compact operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is b-AM-compact.

Conversely, if every AM-compact operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is b-AM-compact, but  $E$  is not a KB-space, then it contains a sublattice  $H$  which is isomorphic to  $c_0$  (see [2, Theorem 2.4.12]). Let  $\psi$  be this isomorphism, it admits a positive extension  $\tilde{\psi} : E \rightarrow c_0$  (see [3, Theorem 1]).

Since every positive operator  $S : c_0 \rightarrow F$  is AM-compact, but need not to be b-AM-compact. We consider the operator product  $S \circ \tilde{\psi} : E \rightarrow c_0 \rightarrow F$ . It is positive and AM-compact but not b-AM-compact.

**Theorem 2** For Banach lattice  $E$  the following assertions are equivalent:

- 1)  $E$  is a discrete KB-space;
- 2) For any Banach lattice  $F$ , every continuous operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is b-AM-compact.

**Proof** Let  $E$  be a discrete and KB-space,  $T$  be a continuous operator from  $E$  into  $F$ , and  $A$  be a b-order bounded subset of  $E$ . Since every KB-space has property (b),  $A$  is order bounded in  $E$ , so there exists a positive element  $x \in E_+$  with  $A \subset [-x, x]$ . Since  $E$  is discrete with order continuous norm, the order interval  $[-x, x]$  is a compact subset of  $E$  and it is norm closed. Since the closure of  $A$  is a subset of  $[-x, x]$ , it follows that  $A$  is a relatively norm compact subset in  $E$ . From  $T$  is a continuous operator,  $T(A)$  is relatively norm compact subset of  $F$  (see [1, Theorem 17.1]). So  $L(E, F) \subset C_{b-AM}(E, F)$ . On the other hand,  $C_{b-AM}(E, F) \subset L(E, F)$  is satisfied (see [4, Theorem 1.3]), it follows that  $L(E, F) = C_{b-AM}(E, F)$ .

Now we assume that  $L(E, F) = C_{b-AM}(E, F)$  holds for every Banach lattice  $F$ . Then the identity operator  $I : E \rightarrow E$  is a b-AM-compact operator, thus it is b-weakly compact, it follows that  $E$  is a KB-space (see [5, Proposition 2.10]). From  $I : E \rightarrow E$  is b-AM-compact, it follows that the order interval in  $E$  is relatively compact. Since the order interval in Banach lattice is norm closed, it follows that the order interval in  $E$  is compact. Therefore,  $E$  is discrete (see [6, Corollary 21.13]).

Recall that an operator  $T : E \rightarrow X$ , mapping each b-order bounded subset of  $E$  into a relatively weakly compact subset of  $X$  is called a b-weakly compact operator. A nonzero element  $x$  of a vector lattice  $E$  is discrete if the order ideal generated by  $x$  equals the subspace generated by  $x$ . The vector lattice  $E$  is discrete, if it admits a complete disjoint system of

discrete elements.

**Theorem 3** If the topological dual  $E'$  is discrete, then every b-weakly compact operator from Banach lattice  $E$  into Banach space  $X$  is b-AM-compact.

**Proof** Let  $A$  be a b-order bounded subset in  $E$ . We choose  $\hat{x} \in E''_+$  with  $A \subseteq [-\hat{x}, \hat{x}]$ .  $I_{\hat{x}}$  be the principal ideal generated by  $\hat{x}$  in  $E''$  and  $Y = I_{\hat{x}} \cap E$ . Denote by  $T$ , the restriction of the operator  $T$  to  $Y$ . Since  $T$  is b-weakly compact, it follows that  $T : Y \rightarrow X$  is a weakly compact operator. Then  $T' : X' \rightarrow Y'$  is a weakly compact operator. Since  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is an  $AM$ -space, its topological dual  $Y'$  is an  $AL$ -space. If we denote by  $B$  the solid hull of  $T'(B_{X'})$  where  $B_{X'}$  is the unit ball of  $X'$ , it follows that each disjoint sequence of  $B$  is convergent for the norm of  $Y'$  (see [6, Theorem 21.10]).

Now, the inclusion mapping  $I : Y \rightarrow E$  is a lattice homomorphism, it follows that  $I' : E' \rightarrow Y'$  is interval-preserving, where  $Y'$  is the topological dual of  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ , hence  $E'$  is an ideal of  $Y'$ . And each discrete element of  $E'$  is a discrete element of  $Y'$ . Since the Banach lattice  $E'$  is discrete, it follows that  $B \subset E'$ , then  $B$  is contained in the band generated by the discrete element of  $Y'$ . Hence, it results that the solid bounded subset  $B$  is relatively compact for the norm of  $Y'$  (see [6, Theorem 21.15]). So  $T'(B_{X'})$  is also relatively compact for the norm of  $Y'$ . This shows that the operator  $T' : X' \rightarrow Y'$  is compact and then  $T$  is a compact operator from  $Y$  into  $X$ . This, together with the fact that  $A$  is norm bounded imply that  $T(A)$  is relatively norm compact.

The following example shows that the above theorem is not sufficient.

**Example 2** There exist a operator  $T : l_\infty \rightarrow X$  such that  $T$  is compact (see [3, Theorem 1]). Hence  $T$  is b-weakly compact and b-AM-compact. But the topological dual  $(l_\infty)'$  is not discrete.

### 3 The domination of the b-AM-compact operators

An application of Theorem 3 generalizes this theorem as follows.

**Corollary 1** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach lattices, such that  $E'$  is discrete, and let  $S, T : E \rightarrow F$  be operators with  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . If  $T$  is b-AM-compact, then so is  $S$ .

**Theorem 4** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach lattices, such that for each  $\hat{x} \in E''_+$ , the vector lattice  $(Y_{\hat{x}})'$  is discrete, and let  $S, T : E \rightarrow F$  be operators with  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . If  $T$  is b-AM-compact, then so is  $S$ .

**Proof** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be operators from  $E$  into  $F$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is b-AM-compact. It is clear that  $S$  is b-AM-compact if and only if for each  $\hat{x} \in E''_+$ , the restriction  $S|_{Y_{\hat{x}}}$  from  $Y_{\hat{x}}$  into  $F$  is compact, where  $Y_{\hat{x}} = I_{\hat{x}} \cap E$  and  $I_{\hat{x}}$  is the principal ideal generated by  $\hat{x}$  in  $E''$ . Since  $T|_{Y_{\hat{x}}}$  from  $Y_{\hat{x}}$  into  $F$  is compact,  $0 \leq S|_{Y_{\hat{x}}} \leq T|_{Y_{\hat{x}}}$  and  $(Y_{\hat{x}})'$  is discrete with an order continuous norm, it follows that  $S|_{Y_{\hat{x}}}$  is compact (see [3, Theorem 1]).

**Theorem 5** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach lattices. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) For all operators  $S, T : E \rightarrow F$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is b-AM-compact, the operator  $S$  is b-AM-compact;
- 2) One of the following conditions holds:
  - a) The norm of  $F$  is order continuous;
  - b)  $E'$  is discrete.

**Proof** 2)-a) $\Rightarrow$  1) Let  $A$  of  $E$  be a b-order bounded subset with  $A \subseteq [-\hat{x}, \hat{x}]$ ,  $I_{\hat{x}}$  be the principal ideal generated by  $\hat{x}$  in  $E_+''$  and  $Y = I_{\hat{x}} \cap E$ . Denote by  $T$ , the restriction of the operator  $T$  to  $F$ . Since  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  is an  $AM$ -space, its topological dual  $Y'$  is an  $AL$ -space, together with the fact that  $F$  has order continuous norm, it follows that  $S : Y \rightarrow F$  is a compact operator (see [1, Theorem 16.20]), and  $S : E \rightarrow F$  is b-AM-compact.

2)-b) $\Rightarrow$  1) It is just the Corollary 1.

1) $\Rightarrow$  2) Assume that either of the conditions a) and b) is true, Theorem 2.10 of [7] implies the existence of two operators  $S$  and  $T$  from  $E$  into  $F$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is compact, the operator  $S$  is not AM-compact.

**Theorem 6** Consider the scheme of operator  $E \xrightarrow{S_1} G \xrightarrow{S_2} X$ , where  $E$  and  $G$  are Banach lattices, if  $S_1$  is dominated by a b-AM-compact operators, and  $S_2$  is dominated by a o-weakly compact operator, then  $S_2 S_1$  is b-AM-compact.

**Proof** Since  $S_2$  is dominated by a o-weakly operator, it follows that  $S_2$  is a o-weakly operator (see [1, Corollary 18.2]). Thus  $S_2$  admits a factorization through Banach lattice  $F$  with order continuous norm (see [2, Theorem 3.4.6]). Clearly,  $Q S_1 : E \rightarrow F$  is dominated by a b-AM-compact operator. Since the norm on  $F$  is order continuous, it follows from Theorem 5 that  $Q S_1 : E \rightarrow F$  is a b-AM-compact operator. Consequently,  $S_2 S_1 = S(Q S_1)$  is an b-AM-compact operator.

**Corollary 2** Let  $S, T$  be operators from  $E$  into  $F$  with  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . If  $T$  is b-AM-compact then  $S^2$  is likewise b-AM-compact.

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## Banach 格上的 b-AM-紧算子

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**摘 要:** 本文对 Banach 格上的 b-AM-紧算子进行了描述, 得到了如下三个结论: 1) 如果 Banach 格  $F$  是无限维的, 则  $E$  是  $KB$ -空间当且仅当每个从  $E$  到  $F$  的 AM-紧算子是 b-AM-紧算子。2) Banach 格  $E$  是离散的  $KB$ -空间当且仅当每个从  $E$  到  $F$  的连续算子是 b-AM-紧算子。3) 如果  $E'$  是离散的, 则每个从  $E$  到  $F$  的 b-弱紧算子是 b-AM-紧算子。其次给出了 b-AM-紧算子的控制性质, 得到如下两个结论: 1) 如果  $E$  和  $F$  是两个 Banach 格, 算子  $S, T : E \rightarrow F$  满足  $0 \leq S \leq T$  且  $T$  是 b-AM-紧算子, 则算子  $S$  是 b-AM-紧算子当且仅当  $F$  具有连续范数或者  $E'$  是离散空间。2) 如果  $S, T$  是从  $E$  到  $F$  的算子满足  $0 \leq S \leq T$ , 如果  $T$  是 b-AM-紧算子, 则  $S^2$  也是 b-AM-紧算子。

**关键词:** Banach 格; b-AM-紧算子